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WESTERN DESERT OPERATIONS ARE GATHERING MOMENTUM: BRITISH FORCES MOPPING-UP SCATTERED AND DISORGANISED ITALIAN TROOPS

REPORTS REACHING LONDON YESTERDAY STATED THAT THE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE ITALIANS IN THE WESTERN DESERT IS STILL GATHERING MOMENTUM. IT IS NOW REVEALED THAT THE AREA OF THE BATTLEFIELD EXTENDS OVER 400 TO 500 SQUARE MILES. THE ITALIAN TROOPS ARE DISORGANISED, BUT AS THEY ARE SCATTERED OVER A WIDE AREA, RESISTANCE MUST BE EXPECTED IN CERTAIN SECTIONS.

The question of distance and the fact that over 20,000 prisoners have to be looked after must be considered as far as future operations are concerned.

The British troops also encountered serious sandstorms and their tanks may well need overhauling. There should be no reason for disappointment, therefore, if the British forces have to pause for a time. The difficulties which the British troops have to overcome are nothing compared with the difficulties the Italians have to contend with in addition to being shelled by the Navy and bombed by the Air Force.

The British forces are certainly pressing hard on the heels of the retreating Italians and they have had no time to reckon up the vast quantities of material and equipment captured.

The R.A.F. has retained mastery of the air and the Italian air force has been unable to interfere seriously with their continual and merciless attacks.

The official communiqué, with its usual reserve, says little about the result of these raids, but one incident makes it possible to imagine how the work of the R.A.F. is helping the troops. It was reported that the Blackshirt troops were attacked with machine-guns and thrown into utter confusion.

It is not only in the air that the Italian troops are suffering bombardment which they cannot reply. The Navy continued to shell their positions along the coast.

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Longmore visited the headquarters of the British Command and had a consultation with Gen. Sir Nathan Wilson. They were deeply impressed with the enthusiasm among all the ranks.

MACAO DECREE

RICE PRICES FIXED BY GOVERNMENT

(Our Own Correspondent)

MACAO, Dec. 11.—Official measures to curb rice profiteering rampant in this Colony were introduced by the Macao authorities in a decree signed by the Commissioner of Police, Lt. J. Montalvo e Silva, establishing control prices and providing penal fines on grain dealers guilty of price-raising.

The price limits on Bangkok rice have been set as follow:—H.K. \$15.50 per picul (First Grade); H.K. \$14.70 (Second Grade); H.K. \$14.10 per picul (Third Grade); and H.K. \$12.10 (Mal-Lok).

TANGIER, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Two Italian submarines, which have been here under repair, left this morning. The submarines were chased into Tangier by the Royal Navy and have been taking refuge there pending repairs.

Today's War Summary

OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN DESERT are gathering momentum. British troops are now mopping-up the battlefields over which Italian troops are fairly well scattered and considerably disorganized, according to military circles in London. It is now revealed that the officer in immediate charge of the operations was Major-General R. N. O'Connor.

A WELL-KNOWN COMMENTATOR, in a sensational broadcast in New York, expressed the belief that the "Italian blood purge of similar proportions to Hitler's" is imminent. A head-on clash may be expected between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army.

IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN ALL NEWSPAPERS throughout America, Mr. Walter Lippmann, political commentator, severely criticised Japanese interference with American affairs.

THE SEVERE DAMAGE CAUSED at Kiel during Royal Air Force raids early in July are disclosed in pictures just released in London.

THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, GOVERNOR OF THE BAHAMAS, was to have left Bahamas by plane yesterday for an undisclosed destination on "important official business." It is rumoured he may meet President Roosevelt.



General Sir Archibald Wavell,
K.C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

ITALIAN BLOOD PURGE, SIMILAR TO HITLER'S, FORECAST AS IMMINENT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The belief that "an Italian blood purge of similar proportions to Hitler's (which he forecast in 1934) is imminent" was expressed in a sensational broadcast by MR. JOHANNES STEEL, well-known author and commentator.

Mr. Steel said: "A thorough and violent shakeup of the entire Italian State may be expected. Extreme radical elements of the Fascist Party, assisted by agents of the German Secret Police, will attempt to eliminate those leading men whom they consider responsible for the current Italian reverses."

"Radicals in the Fascist hierarchy believe that the present Italian reverses are due to the fact that Italy, unlike Germany, has not made a total war effort."

Mr. Steel quoted leading articles from various Italian newspapers as obvious symptoms pointing to such developments and added: "Briefly, a head-on clash between the Fascist Party and the Italian Army may be expected."

FRENCH TOWNS BOMBED BY THAI PLANES

SINGAPORE, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—In retaliation for French raids on Thailand, Siamese aircraft bombed Bantard and Sripaepae in French Indo-China, according to a communiqué issued by the Thai Ambassador.

The present situation indicates the possibility of a demolishing rout for the junior Axis partner with Germany in no position or frame of mind to give effective aid. This situation will react strongly in the Far East.

Good news in London and Washington is bad news in Tokyo.

STOP PRESS

INDUSTRIAL REGION ATTACKED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Two enemy bombers were destroyed during last night, when the enemy developed an attack on an industrial region in North England.

Principal damage was done in Shefford, where 120 of 130 buildings were demolished and 1000 others temporarily blocked. Large numbers of incendiary bombs were as usual employed, but the situation was soon well in hand.

"Our people," he went on, "are resolved to make Europe a safe place to dwell in—they are resolved to free the Europe that Hitler has enslaved and the populations he has robbed and starved."

"Alongside such a Europe, governed by spies and force, Britain cannot exist, unmindful of what it means. It is the most elementary sense of our own preservation that we should overthrow the Nazi power and we shall then have to deal with a German people whose thought and lives have been systematically distorted and perverted."

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LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—No operations, it is understood, were carried out by the R.A.F. last night on enemy targets owing to unfavourable weather.

Sudden Flight Of Duke Of Windsor

MIAMI, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—THE DUKE OF WINDSOR, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Bahamas, will leave in a United States naval plane at 8.30 (1 p.m. G.M.T.) for an unstated destination "on important official business." It was announced here by Capt. Drury, A.D.C. to His Royal Highness.

A rumour—that the Duke will meet President Roosevelt, who is at present on board the U.S.S. *Tuscaloosa* in Bahamian waters, can neither be confirmed nor denied here.

In the announcement, Capt. Drury regretted that owing to the special request of the State Department he was unable to furnish

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Mr. Wickham Steed



We Are Within Sight Of Victory

"Nothing can now shake our belief that we are within sight of victory," said Mr. H. Wickham Steed, the eminent writer and journalist, who broadcasts weekly from London on World Affairs, in his talk last night on recent events.

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SEVERE CRITICISM OF JAPANESE INTERFERENCE WITH U.S. AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Severe criticism of Japanese interference with American affairs is contained in an article by MR. WALTER LIPPmann, the well-known political commentator, which was published in papers throughout the United States yesterday.

He says that the recent remarks by Mr. Matsukata, Japanese Foreign Minister, are being carefully studied because he tells the United States that Japan will decide whether the measures the United States may take in defence of her security in the Atlantic are good reasons for Japan launching an attack upon her in the Pacific.

Mr. Lippmann reminds the Japanese Foreign Minister that America has a Navy in the Pacific supported by important British and Dutch forces and based on such powerful forts as Singapore and Hawaii, while Japan's partners are locked up behind the immense power of the British Fleet.

"If anything is needed to demonstrate the vital importance of supporting Britain, China, the Netherlands East Indies and Australia," Mr. Lippmann adds, "Mr. Matsukata has completed that demonstration by threatening us with war if we do not allow him to judge and define our foreign policy in respect to the defence of our vital interests in the Atlantic."

"We are not accustomed to receiving threats of war from other nations for in the end we shall be compelled to take them seriously and act in order that the threats may never be carried out."

Li See, 56, woman, of No. 10, Yuk San Street, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday morning, suffering from internal injuries received as the result of being knocked down by taxi No. 452 at Caine Road, near Peel St.

DAMAGE AT KIEL NOW REVEALED

July Pictures Published

LONDON, Dec. 13 (R.W.S.)—Aerial photographs taken by the R.A.F. immediately after the raid by British bombers on Kiel early in July, are now released and show incontrovertibly that severe damage was done to the enemy war machine.

Examination by experts revealed that shipping and at least two important objectives ashore were definitely damaged.

One picture shows water in the harbour partially covered with substance that probably emanated from pipelines broken by a bomb attack.

The heaviest damage ashore was caused to the main power station of the old imperial yards (now known as the Deutsche Werke yards) and the torpedo and gun store of the naval arsenal.

EXTENSIVE REPAIR

Photographs above the power station roof undergoing extensive repair, while the store roof has a large gaping hole directly in the centre. The size of the hole suggests that a considerable amount of damage was done to delicate equipment housed in building.

The battle cruiser Scharnhorst is shown in the floating dock and experts consider the foremast and control tower damaged. In the dry docks, was the pocket battleship Lutzow—originally known as the Deutschland.

This ship which had been damaged by the submarine Spearfish in the Skagerrak, is believed still undergoing repairs in dry docks and it is reasonable to assume that she was further damaged by the R.A.F. raid in July.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—No operations, it is understood, were carried out by the R.A.F. last night on enemy targets owing to unfavourable weather.

The following are the final selections for the Valley this afternoon:

RACE 1 (2 P.M.)

Lilliput 1
Humdrum Eve 2
Kentucky 3

RACE 2 (2.30 P.M.)

Rob Roy 1
Just In Time 2
Taxing Master 3

RACE 3 (3 P.M.)

Devonian 1
Criffel 2
Tornado Star 3

RACE 4 (3.30 P.M.)

Eve of Harvest 1
O-Lan 2
Confusion Bay 3

RACE 5 (4 P.M.)

Venus Bay 1
Warrego River 2
Cocklerol 3

RACE 6 (4.30 P.M.)

Bapper 1
Amicus Curiae 2
Baffin Bay 3

RACE 7 (5 P.M.)

Rooify 1
Quick Despatch 2
Rising Star 3

RACE 8 (5.30 P.M.)

Eve of Peace 1
Royal Highness 2
Sunlight View 3

DAILY DOUBLE

VENUS BAY AND ROOIFY

WILDCATS-WAHOOS BATTLE MAIN ATTRACTION OF THIS WEEK'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Florinhas, Chung Hwa To Decide Cellar Champs

MAIN ATTRACTION OF TOMORROW'S SIX-GAME CARD AT THE KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB GROUND, WILL BE THE CLASH between the Wildcats and Wahtoos at noon. These squads are leading contenders for the Ladies' pennant and should put up a terrific battle well-worth of their keen rivalry of past seasons.

The Wildcats are considered to be the most powerful hitting team in the girls' league but the Wahtoos, so I am given to understand, will start Therese Noronha on the mound in a big effort to hold the heavy-hitting opposition to a reasonable count that may give them a chance for victory.

Supporting Therese will be Jackie Anderson behind the plate, Yvonne at first, Socorro Castro at the middle cushion, Alida Castro at third, Irene Castilho at short with Jean Yolle, Bebeun Abbas and Liza Anderson in the pastures.

Arrayed against this sound defensive line-up will be the Wildcats' Thelma Collaco and "Sailor" Motta forming the battery. Irene Pereira at the initial sack, Thelma Motta at the keystone, Gloria Mar at the Hot Corner, Lily Mar at the Windy Alley, and gardeners Mary Mar, Doris Mar and Dolly Brown or Virginia Chu.

Superior offensive power should give the Wildcats the honours with an upset quite within the bounds of possibility.

WOEFUL STICKWORK

The Cardinals and Ramblers start off the programme at 9 a.m. In view of their improved showing during recent weeks, the Redbirds should easily account for the Recreio lassies who are also on the up-grade but are still woefully weak in their stickwork.

Another good tussle should be the meeting of the cellar champs, Chung Hwa and the Little Flower Club, neither of which have yet gained a point during the current season.

THE CHINESE LASSIES

The Chinese lassies have more experienced players than the Florinhas but have been showing such poor form that

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRTEENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 14th December, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$3.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 9th December, 1940.

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FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR FANLING

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club starting times for Fanling tomorrow are as follows:-

OLD COURSE

9.18	T. G. C. Knight, G. T. Harrington.
9.20	D. Black, P. C. Jackson.
9.24	A. N. and Q. A. Macfadyen.
9.28	L. Gladman, A. Mabb.
9.32	G. R. Horridge, J. Hackney.
9.36	J. G. Jensen, P. V. McLane.
9.40	J. Linaker, G. Thompson.
9.44	F. A. Howard, F. Groves.
9.48	A. H. Guinness, R. Challinor.
9.52	J. Brownlow, L. Uochran.
9.56	S. L. Lloyd, T. Megarry.
10.00	A. D. Humphreys, I. H. Gear.
10.04	J. Hart Davis, B. Stock.
10.08	H. A. Mills, Major Temple.
10.12	Way. Anderson.
10.16	R. Young, J. C. Taylor.
10.20	G. M. Park, N. D. Lloyd.
10.48	Surg. Cdr. Cleave, Surg. Lt. Cdr. Pake.
11.32	T. E. Pearce, M. A. Annett.

NEW COURSE

9.24	B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
9.28	B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
9.32	B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
9.36	B. and S. v. Dodwell and Co.
9.44	D. D. Forbes, H. F. Sommers.
10.16	P. Morrison, R. R. Davies.
10.32	G. E. Costello, B. D. Evans.

second leg of a double-header at that venue.

PROGRAMME

Schedule and umpires:

KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB

9 a.m. Cardinals v. Ramblers (Wing Lee, J. Fonseca, A. M. Omar).

10.30 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Florinhas (Molthen, C. Marques and D. Walker).

12 a.m. Wildcats v. Wahtoos (Molthen, Fonseca and Campos).

1.30 p.m. St. Joseph's v. Filipinos (N. Beltrao, Nip Lum, T. Chinn).

2.45 p.m. Cyclones v. Recreio Aces (Wing Lee, V. Marques, H. Campos).

4 p.m. Indians v. Canucks (J. Alvares, C. Marques, N. Beltrao).

CHATHAM ROAD

9 a.m. Chung Hwa v. Cosmopolitan (J. Welford, W. Lawrence, T. Young).

10.15 a.m. South China v. Recreio Bees (Osmund, J. Welford, W. Woo).

11.30 a.m. V.R.C. v. R.A.F. (M. Mendonca, C. Wing Lee, W. Yum).

12.45 p.m. Liga v. C.B.A. (B. Ablong, S. Izatt, G. Glespie).

MARINA GROUND

10 a.m. Waylooing v. Cables (S. Leonard, Hassan, Aquino).

11.15 a.m. Chartered B. v. Green-spots (B. Silva, A. Ribeiro, T. Young).

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BASEBALL—Star Dinner and Presentation of trophies for past season (Palace Hotel) 8 p.m.

CRICKET—Senior friendlies, Indian R.C. v. Recreio; Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower; Junior Friendly, Civil Service v. Indian R.C.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE—First Division, Middlesex v. Kwong Wah (Sookunpo); Kowloon v. Royal Navy (Kowloon); Club v. South China (Club) 4.15 p.m. Second Division, South China v. Service Corps (Caroline Hill); Kowloon v. Royal Engineers (Kowloon); Club v. Royal Scots (Club); Ordnance Corps v. Kit Chee (Sookunpo) 2.45 p.m.; police v. Middlesex (Chatham Road) 4.15 p.m. Third Division, Royal Air Force v. 35th R.A. (Chatham Road); Royal Corps of Signals v. 7th A.A. R.A. (St. J's Happy Valley) 4.15 p.m.; 12th R.A. v. Medical Corps (Stanley) 20th R.A. v. 36th R.A. (Military, Happy Valley) 2.45 p.m.; International v. Shell (Caroline Hill); Royal Engineers v. Service Corps (Military, Happy Valley) 4.15 p.m.

HOCKEY—Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI v. Medical Corps ("Y" ground) 3 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. 1st XI v. Punjabis ("Y" ground) 4.15 p.m.

RACING—Hongkong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting (Happy Valley) 2 p.m.

HOCKEY—Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI v. Medical Corps ("Y" ground) 3 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. 1st XI v. Punjabis ("Y" ground) 4.15 p.m.

RACING—Hongkong Jockey Club's Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting (Happy Valley) 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL—Girls, (at Kowloon F.C.) Cardinals v. Ramblers (8 p.m.); Chung Hwa v. Little Flower Club, 10.30 a.m.; Wahtoos v. Wildcats, Men—First Division, (at Kowloon F.C.) Filipinos v. St. Joseph's 1.30 p.m.; Cyclones v. Recreio Aces 2.45 p.m.; Canadian Chinese v. Indians 4 p.m. Second Division, (at Chatham Road) South China v. V. R. C. Noon: C. B. A. v. Recreio Bees, 1.30 p.m.; Chung Hwa v. R. A. 2.30 p.m.; R. E. v. Scots, 3.45 p.m. Inter-Hong, (at Marina) Hongkong Bank v. Chartered Bank 9.30 a.m.; Green-spots v. Tenpex

SPORTS

SOCER PROSPECTS:

CAN POLICE DEFEAT EASTERN TOMORROW?

BY "PILAT"

Although this week-end's programme has nothing that could be termed a "key" match, a good crowd should be on hand tomorrow at Caroline Hill when EASTERN meet POLICE, conquerors of Sing Tao. Though I do not think they can beat Eastern, Police chances, however, are not very remote by any means.

Police are a team with plenty of "wind" and are also noted for their fine fighting spirit. On the shoulders of Pope will rest the responsibility of stopping Eastern's main source of danger, Hau Ching-to, and much depends on him for a Police victory.

SING TAO should have an easy time against ST. JOSEPH'S but will be well advised not to take the Saints too lightly.

A very good game should be witnessed on the Sookunpo this afternoon between MIDDLESEX and KWONG WAH who will be going all out, now that they have tasted the fruits of victory.

In the other League matches, KOWLOON meet NAVY and CLUB, SOUTH CHINA, and should result in wins for the Senior Service and the champions respectively.

TEAMS

The following are some of the probable line-ups:-

FIRST DIVISION

POLICE: Manning; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau Pak-hung.

Navy: Robinson; Roughly, Britt, Croft, Hawkins; Philpen, Le Page, Hendy, Kelly and Barber.

CLUB: Odell; Eardley, S. Strange; E. Strange, Skinner, Upton; Hutchinson, Scott, Fowler, Beckford and Riertsen.

EASTERN: Lau Hin-hon; Kong Sing-king, Y. S. Yen (or Ng Kee-cheong); Lau Chi-tsang, Hsu King-sing, Ng Kee-cheong (or Lo Wai-kuen); Chung Yung-sum, Cheung Kam-hoi, V. K. Hyui, C. G. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

WINNERS of heats will row off the final. Units who have not yet done so are asked to send in their entry fees (\$5 per crew) at an early date.

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1 Qt. John Haig Gold Label Whisky.	1 Phial Angostura Bitters.

No. 2 HAMPER—\$72.00.

1 Qt. Guilleart Champagne.	2 Qt. Fine Fruity Port.
1 Pt. D.O.M.	2 Qt. St. Julian Claret.
1 Qt. Burgoyne's Burgundy.	1 Qt. Taylor's Old Tom or Dry Gin.
2 Qt. Martell's Cordon Bleu Brandy.	1 Qt. Emu's Sherry.
2 Qt. John Haig Gold Label Whisky.	1 Phial Angostura Bitters.

No. 3 HAMPER—\$60.00.

1 Qt. Angora XXX Brandy.	1 Qt. Angora XXX Brandy.
1 Pt. G.F. Peppermint.	1 Pt. G.F.

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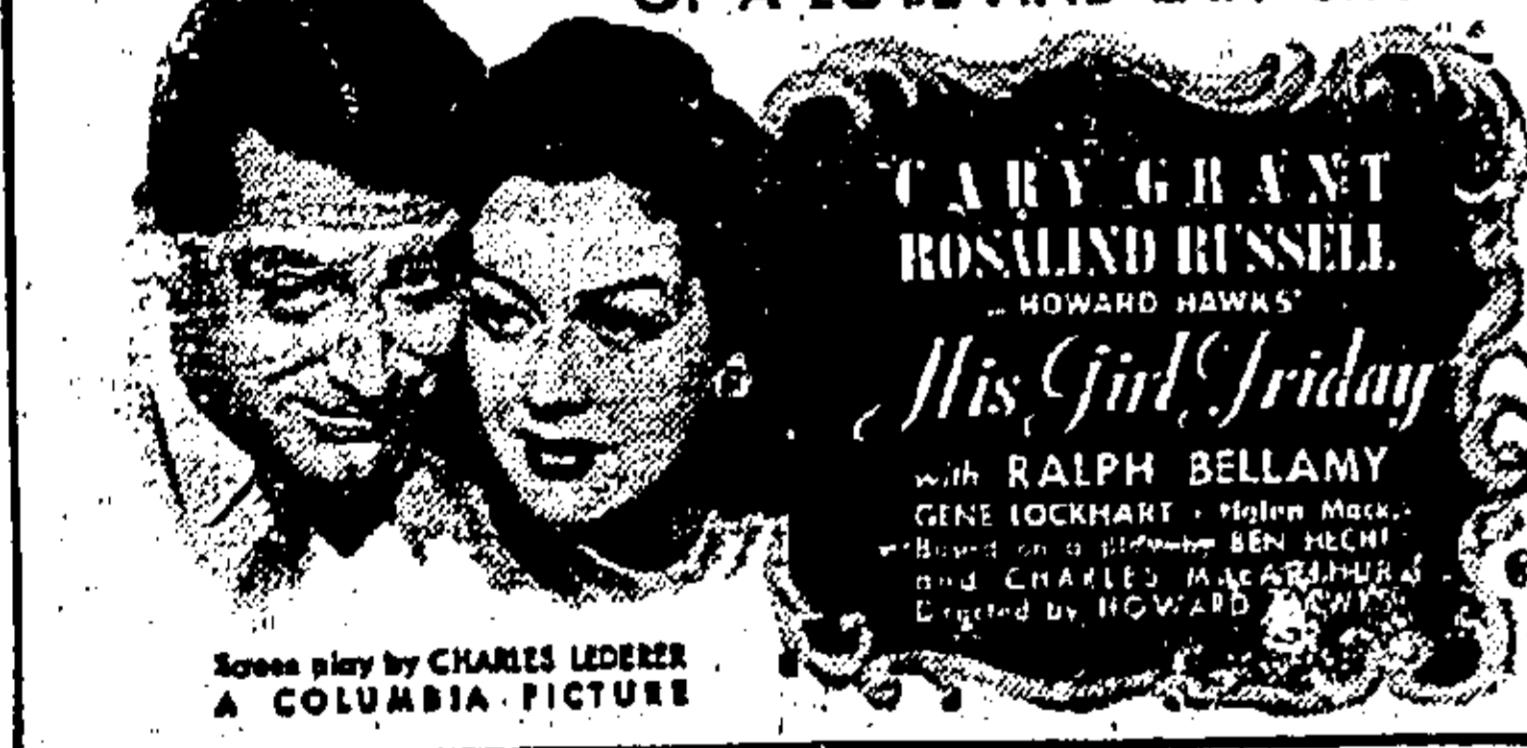
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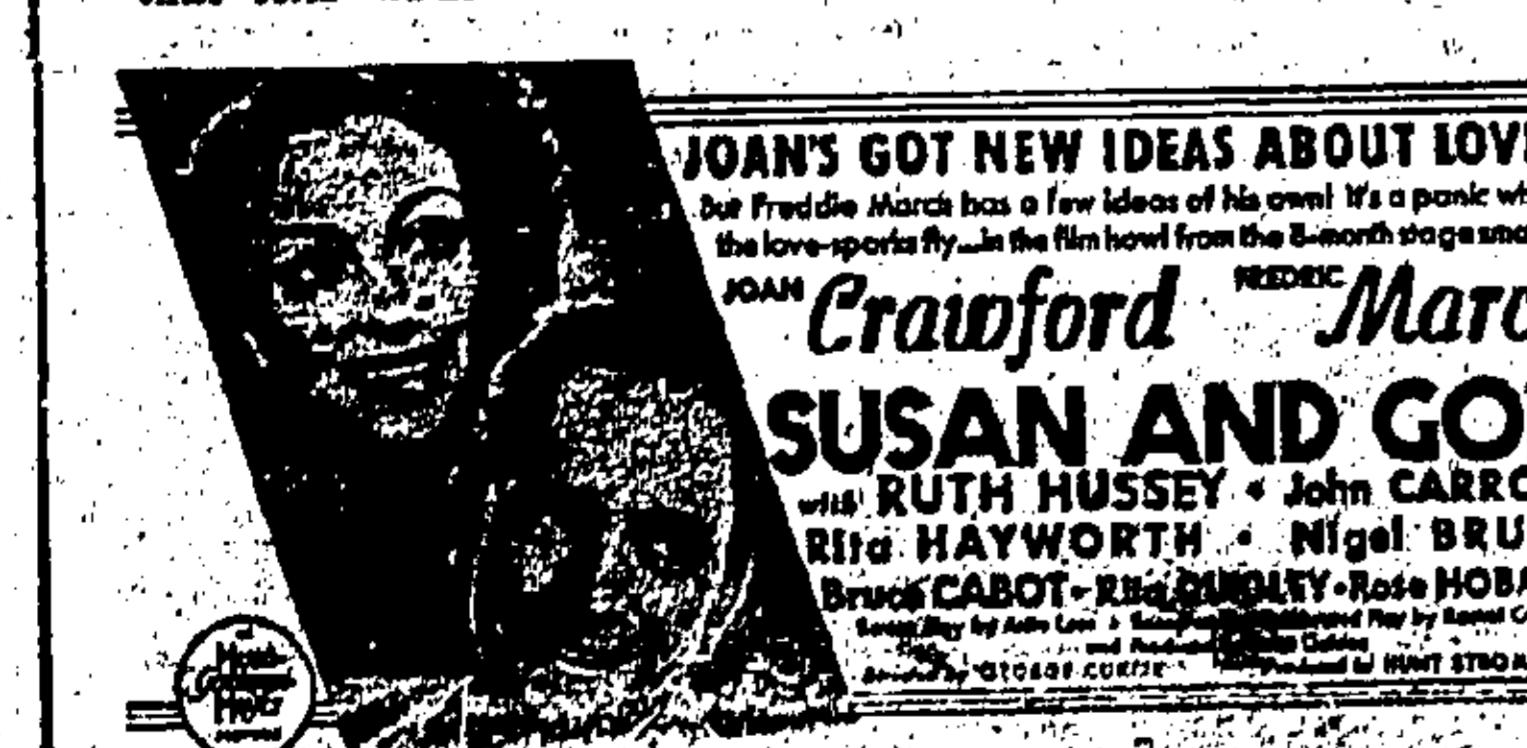
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COMING EVENTS

DEC.

14-Tides: High 9.50 a.m. and 5.35 p.m.; Low 3.25 a.m. and 2.15 p.m.
Starline: 4.35 a.m.; Sunset: 6.15 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Claims against estate of the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Earl of Inchcape due.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

H.K. the Acting Governor to open new Chinese Baptist Chapel, Kowloon City, 3 p.m.

H.K. Jockey Club's 13th. Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

Charity Dance at H.K. University, 6.30 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Australian Assn. General Meeting, St. Francis X. Hall, 3 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming, Tennis.

H.K. English Forum, Third Annual Family Show, Chinese Y.W.C.A., Bonham Road, 8 p.m.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall, Photographic Exhibition.

All-China Exhibition of Photographic Art, Cafe Wilson, 10 a.m.-7.30 p.m.

15-Tides: High 10.25 a.m. and 3.05 p.m.; Low 3.35 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-finals.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibition.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 5 p.m.; Speaker: Mr. E. H. Lockwood on "Development in Kwangtung"; Tennis & Swimming.

Entrée close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

H.K. the Acting Governor to inspect H.K.V.D.C. at work at Filling Camp.

16-Tides: High 11.05 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; Low 4.35 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service, Fritz Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Hans Hommel), G. Hartig, Heinrich Aratz, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition.

Y.M.C.A.: War Work, 9-12 noon; Swimming.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

H.K. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Pauline Lodge.

17-Tides: High 11.45 a.m. and 5.20 p.m.; Low 5.15 a.m. and 3.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tuna Mfg., 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.

Kowloon Ladies' Work Party—Bring-and-Buy-Something Tea Party, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's Section, American Tea, 4 p.m.; Badminton & Mixed Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

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GAY COMEDY ROMANCE

Produced and directed by Howard Hawks and starring Cary Grant and Rosalind Russell with Ralph Bellamy heading a stellar supporting cast which includes Gene Lockhart, Ernest Truex, Porter Hall, Cliff Edwards, Helen Mack, Roscoe Karns and others. Small wonder, then, that "His Girl Friday" is the raciest romance in years, a sparkling, gay and hectic comedy, a wild, witty whirlwind of exciting action set against a background of joyous love and hilarious laughter!

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Grant is seen as the maddest managing editor ever to run a newspaper; Miss Russell is his brightest, most beautiful reporter.

Miss Russell, for her part, materially enhances the comedy effects of "His Girl Friday" by her carefully shaded portrait of a girl in love. She is in love with love, in love with her job, in love with her ex-boy.

As the insurance agent, Ralph Bellamy contributes a performance of equal merit. Lesser roles are brought to the screen by John Qualen, as an escaped murderer befuddled by his position in life; Gene Lockhart, as a weasel-like sheriff and Helen Mack, as a girl of the streets.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12.30 Composition at Tchaikovsky

Francesca Da Rimini, Op. 32—Philharmonic Symphony Orch. of New York cond. by John Barbirolli

Chiriv-Sohris—Duet, from Pique Dame—Eugene Sabirova and Milada Erichova with Orchestra. Troika, Erichovna, Op. 37, No. 11—Serge Rachmaninoff (Piano).

1.00 London Relay—Talk, "In My Opinion."

1.15 Dance Music

Fox-Trot—I Was Watching a Man Paint a Fence; Slow Fox-Trot—I Love You Much, Too Much—Amiros and His Orchestra. Tango—Hes My Song, Victoria; Jealousy—Robert Renard Dance Orchestra. Fox-Trot—One Look at You (film "A Night at Eard Carroll's")—Wayne King & His Orchestra. Fox-Trot—Whatever Happened to You; Rumba—The Rhumba Guards—Xavier Cugat and His Waldorf-Astoria Orchestra. Fox-Trot—It's a Blue World; Quickstep—Punchnello (from "Music in my Heart")—Jay Wilbur and His Band. Fox-Trots—Turn on the Old Music Box; I've Got No Strings (both from "Pinocchio")—Bob Chester and His Orchestra. Waltz—When Our Dreams Grow Old; Quickstep—On the Isle of May—Joe Loss and His Band. Fox-Trots—In a Little Rocky Valley; The Singing Hills—Jay Wilbur and His Band.

12.00 midnight Close down

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—Glenn Miller and His Orchestra. Vocal Duet—Will You Remember? (film "Martime")—Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy with Orchestra. Vocal—Wee Willie Winkie (Robert)—Boyd Steven (Soprano) with Piano. Fox-Trot—Faithful Forever (film "Gulliver's Travels")—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Vocal—Our Song (film "When You're in Love")—Grace Moore with Orchestra. Vocal and Piano—I Once Had a Heart Marquita—Turner Layton with Piano. Swing Fox-Trot—Playmates—Arthur Young and Hatchet's Swings featuring Stephanie Cappelli and Beryl Davis (Vocal)—Sweet Potato Pie (film "The Road to Singapore")—Dorothy Lamour with Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot—My Heart Belongs to Daddy—Jack Hylton and His Orchestra. Vocal Duet—An Apple for the Teacher (film "The Star Maker")—Bing Crosby and Sophie Tucker. Polka—Bebe Barron (Piano)—Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

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SOCIAL LIFE OF CONSCRIPTS

Movies, Songs And Hostesses

WASHINGTON.—Movies, amateur dramatics, books, games, songbooks and Army hostesses to supervise "the social life of the enlisted men" are all to be provided for National Guard and Elective Service trainees, as well as for the men of the Regular Army. This will be done by the Moral Division recently set up in the office of the adjutant general. It was said by the War Department.

In all these various activities of the Morale Division, it was emphasized, the sole aim would be to strengthen the will and ability of the soldier to perform his military duties. It is believed, for instance, that Army song leaders will prove effective in creating and maintaining esprit de corps.

"A singing Army is a fighting Army," said Major Gen. Bell, in the World War, and it is planned to publish an Army songbook to encourage the soldiers of 1940-41 to keep up the tradition. Mass singing under competent direction will be encouraged and many singers of national renown have volunteered their services in this connection.

TYPICAL OFFERING

The Army motion picture service will provide moving pictures. A typical week's offering at an Army theatre includes three outstanding features and also a double feature. The service is being extended to the tent camps and cantonments which will house the National Guard and Selective Service trainees when they join the Army.

At each cantonment there will be two theatre buildings, each seating 1,000, and at larger tent camps "big top" tents will accommodate as many as 2,200. For troops in the field or at manoeuvres, mobile motion pictures will be available.

In World War days, the Army hostess was a familiar figure. When the Army was demobilized in 1919 no new hostesses were appointed. The present programme provides for one chief hostess and two assistants at each larger camp. One assistant will supervise the cafeteria, the other will supervise social life.

With the exception of camps where YMCA buildings or those of the American Red Cross already exist, supervision over welfare work in military reservations will be exercised by military personnel.

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Fascist Defeat Will Have World-Wide Repercussions

LONDON, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—THE CRUSHING BLOWS ON SIGNOR MUSSOLINI'S ARMIES IN AFRICA ARE CALCULATED to have almost a decisive effect upon the course of the war, writes Reuter's Chief Diplomatic correspondent.

The Italian Fleet must now either accept battle or II Duce's legionaries in North Africa can be considered lost. Their offensive power has been destroyed at one fell blow while their menace to the Nile Valley no longer exists.

The Italian defeat will be felt politically not only in Europe but all over the East and Japan must now have cause to re-consider her hasty action in joining the Tri-Pact.

Even assuming that violent domestic reactions do not upset the Fascist regime it is unlikely that II Duce will get much help from the Germans and Japanese and can be ruled out. Indeed, the question may arise whether the Pact holds good if one of the parties collapses.

INSPIRING EFFECT

The effect of the Italian reverses will be most inspiring in the Balkans. The Greeks will be encouraged to further acts of valour and the extent of the help Britain will be able to give may be increased while Yugoslavia's hands will be strengthened, the wisdom of Turkish policy justified and Axis propaganda in Bulgaria suffer a severe setback.

The many friends of Britain in France will derive fresh hope and encouragement from this British victory. It will increase France's value in German eyes but will make M. Laval's policy more unpopular and disastrous among the French people in general and the Army in particular.

SOVIET INTEREST

MOSCOW, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—Soviet interest in the fighting in North Africa is well reflected in the Press. The official Communist paper Pravda has as two main headlines across the foreign news page, "British Offensive In Western Desert" and "Italian Retreat In Albania."

British reports of the taking of Sidi Barrani are published at length with a description of the terrain and an account of how the Italians fortified the Sidi Barrani-Sollum area.

The Pravda then quotes the Paser Nachrichten for a statement that the war in Greece and the attack on Taranto are already having effect on the Italian army in Libya.

AMERICAN AID

Reports from New York regarding increased American aid for the British are also prominently published in the Moscow Press.

Trud concludes a long article by quoting the New York-Herald Tribune as saying that the intensification of the struggle between Britain and Germany only increases the vital interest of the United States in the survival of Britain.

ITALIAN ROUT?

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—The British offensive in the Western Desert is developing so fast that rumours of a headlong Italian retreat are circulating in Cairo and Alexandria. It is realised that British G.H.Q. communiques tend to minimise our successes rather than to make claims until they have been confirmed beyond doubt.

It is thus reasonable to suppose that the figure of 20,000 prisoners given in the latest communiqué is an under-estimate.

The speed of the offensive has meant that communiques had hardly been issued before fresh important advances and captures were taking place. It may be days before the exact number of prisoners, guns and tanks taken is known.

STAGGERING BLOW

As the picture of the first three days of fighting are fitted together at G.H.Q., from reports arriving from the desert front, it becomes evident that the Middle East Command, with a brilliant piece of strategy planned for many weeks, has delivered a blow against the Italians that may rock the foundations and edifice of the Fascist Empire.

There is already general speculation in political and diplomatic circles in Cairo whether the

Portuguese Interest In Anglo-Greek Successes

LISBON, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—The Portuguese are following the British and Greek victories with intense interest; crowds gather in the streets of Lisbon awaiting the issue of evening newspapers and eagerly read the news pasted outside newspaper offices.

There is no departure from the order to maintain neutrality. Before showing war events, cinemas reproduce on the screen a warning against demonstrations of any sort.

An editorial in the "Diário Notícias" headed "When the Gods descend from Olympus" analyses the reasons which prompted Mussolini to embark on the Greek war, "which, apart from immense air forces, is costing him much of his prestige."

The writer concludes that reasons of a political nature must have urged him far more than strategic reasons.

"Mussolini's temperament requires that Italy should have her own war, that Italian action should be individual, that Italy should have her own battlefield, her own enemy, her own post."

"Three or four weeks have placed a lamentable check to the efforts of 18 years of admirable political construction."

NEW DEAL FOR U.S. WARSHIPS?

PROPOSAL MADE TO STATE DEPARTMENT

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—The feasibility of granting the United States a corridor for a road through British Columbia to Alaska in return for the transfer of more United States warships to Britain is being considered by the International Joint Commission of the British Columbia-Alaska Highway Project.

Officials declined to comment extensively on the proposal made to the State Department, Washington, that negotiations should be opened for such an exchange.

However, one official said that a deal of this nature was "active" in British Columbia and parts of the United States.

DISTURBANCES IN INDO-CHINA

Demonstrators And Police Clash

LONDON, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—Serious disturbances in French Indo-China were mentioned by the announcer on the Lyons wireless last night.

He said that clashes occurred recently in Saigon and in seven provinces between armed forces and demonstrators, said to be communists.

It was added that damage was done to civil, administrative and private buildings. A number of bridges were destroyed and communications were cut.

Order was restored by soldiers, police and marines, but there were wounded on both sides.

The measures taken by the local government, he concluded, have resulted in the suppression of these "subversive movements."

Further Soviet Aid To Aid

SHANGHAI, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—Well-informed circles in Chungking revealed the Soviet Ambassador is keeping in touch with the Chinese Government in taking further steps to assist China, states the Sinwanyehpao.

The negotiations are not limited to Soviet economic assistance, but include the Soviet proposal for aerial assistance as well, it is claimed.

Discussions which are stated to have taken place between M. Kirov and the Foreign Minister, M. Popoff, have evoked much speculation in political and diplomatic circles.

GENERAL

GERM OF CIVIL WAR IS HATCHING IN FRANCE

MADRID, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—"Anyone who thinks that the De Gaulle Movement is just a matter of a few rebel generals knows little of the situation," declares the Paris correspondent of the Spanish newspaper Ya.

The correspondent continues that the De Gaulle Movement represents considerably more.

It gives energy to the germ of civil war which is hatching in France and which only the German army of occupation stalls.

He also adds that surprise is expressed in Paris that General De Gaulle, Gen. Catroux and Gen. Legentil Homme have only recently been deprived of French citizenship by the Vichy Government but notes that Vichy is showing tardy signs of taking serious steps against the De Gaulle Government.

Paris, he says, is discussing a possible further reshuffle in the Vichy Government by which M. Alibert would leave the Cabinet and M. Pierre Flaudin would become Minister of Interior while M. Peyron would become a Minister.

FIVE ENEMY RAIDERS DESTROYED

LONDON, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—Four British fighters shot down three German aircraft yesterday morning when small formations of enemy fighters and fighter-bombers crossed the Kent coast flying towards London and dropped a small number of bombs on the outskirts of the London area, the Air Ministry announced.

The bombs did little damage and caused only a few casualties.

One German bomber was also shot down off the south-west coast yesterday morning and one was destroyed during Wednesday night.

In all these operations the British fighters suffered no loss.

HUNGARY, YUGOSLAVIA FRIENDSHIP PACT

New Contribution To Peace In South-Eastern Europe

BERLIN, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—The Hungarian-Yugoslav Friendship Pact was signed in Belgrade yesterday evening according to a dispatch to the German news agency.

The treaty was signed by Count Csaky and M. Markovitch and consists of the following three articles:

Firstly, it declares that permanent peace and eternal friendship will exist between the two countries;

Secondly, the signatories agree to consult on all problems affecting mutual relations; and,

Thirdly, the Pact will be ratified at a very early date and come into force as soon as it is ratified.

BELGRADE COMMENTS

BELGRADE, Dec. 13 (REUTER)—Axis propagandists will doubtless interpret the Yugoslav-Hungarian Treaty as indicating Yugoslavia's advance to the Axis, according to political circles here.

Observers in Belgrade, however, do not believe that the signing of the Treaty means more than the intense desire of Yugoslavia to maintain peace, and, on Hungary's side, to attempt to find some, even if an uneasy basis, for her foreign policy outside the stranglehold of Axis endeavours.

CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE

Following the signing of the Hungarian-Yugoslav treaty, of friendliest Count Csaky, Hungarian Foreign Minister, and M. Oscar Markovitch, Yugoslav Foreign Minister, both emphasised in statement to the press that the Treaty was a new contribution to the maintenance of peace in south-eastern Europe.

M. Markovitch described the Treaty as a new contribution to

CHRISTMAS COMFORTS

The equivalent of £2,520 lbs. was collected in Shanghai by the Central British War Fund Christmas Appeal.

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MUSIC HALL 1940:

CLEVER PRESENTATION AT CHINA FLEET CLUB

Harry Jordan & His Melody Makers The Star Turn: Eileen Grant Scores Hit

BY "PRUDENCE"

A great many clever people conspired over the production of the topical revue MUSIC HALL 1940, which opened at The China Fleet Club last night, but the result can be summed up in a single word. It was SUPERLATIVE.

It has "what it takes" to please even the most blasé audience, (and be it spoken with bated breath)—Hongkong audiences are said to be hard to please)—well, they should be more than pleased this time. They should be enthusiastic.

Rumour has it that the A.D.C. had something in hand for December, which they kindly postponed, in order to leave the stage free for "Music Hall." If so, they will feel rewarded by the knowledge that they gave place to something very well worth seeing.

Presented by all ranks of The Hongkong Garrison, in aid of the British War Organisation and Bomber Fund, it had, perchance, to take place before the Troops went into camp, and it is an effort of which the Service can justly feel proud.

"Among the many who were present last night was His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., accompanied by Captain Batty-Smith, and others.

Although he does not feature till the close of the programme, pride of place must go to Harry (Blitz) Jordan, and his Melody Makers, who appear in all their glory in a stage-set of real Hollywood type. "We take off our hats to the artistic designer of this delightful scene, with its monster organ pipes, frosted with snow; shining music-stands and sparkling centre-piece. In this appropriate setting the Melody-Makers gave all they had, and won tumultuous applause.

"OH JOHNNIE OH"
Eileen Grant will long be remembered for her lively singing of "Oh Johnnie Oh" and so will those provocative "Houries," the soloists, and the rest.

Quite the funniest of many amusing sketches was the priceless effort, which shewed British Soldiers, making their last stand on a lonely Frontier Post (complete with automatic Union Jack, German Parachutist, Runner, and others of The Krazy Gang). This was admirably played, and was one long laugh from start to finish.

Much of the fun of the evening was provided by a most attractive "Comper" (R.E.T. St. John) who had a great deal to endure, at the hands of "Interrupters" of every kind—notably B. Ross, whose laudable determination to tell the story of The Three Bears was consistently frustrated. I think Hongkong should send in a round-robin, asking that he be allowed to finish it on the last night!

LATIN WISE-CRACKS
Another great success was scored by St. John and Colquhoun, in a clever impersonation called "The Wanchai Brothers." Very topical, and full of the latest Latin wisecracks. Z.B.W. please note this would make an excellent radioturn, for one of our long winter evenings!

The Duncallister Co. put on two excellent little sketches. The first in an artist's studio, where we kept hoping to see "just a little bit more" of Jill Bevis as the artist model, and where Lundy Duncan was simply splendid as the father of an all-too-modest-maiden, and looked so exactly like pictures of Taffy-The-Laird, that we feel sure he must know his "Trifly" by heart.

OUR SHEILA
The second sketch was called "Family Group" in which that versatile young lady Sheila MacKinlay played the part of the Mother in the genuine Gracie Fields style, and was so good that she is probably now in danger of being known, locally, as "Our Sheila."

"As for "Gran-ma"—could it be—yes, it was indeed Hongkong's most cynical young actor, Donald MacAllister, giving the impersonation of his life in the part of a malicious old dame! A wonderful character-study, most brilliantly played.

The role of a French Photographer was cleverly done by Jock Wedderburn, while Rita Cole, George Ingolby, and Jill Bevis gave excellent support as Aunt Martha, a hen-pecked husband, and a terrible child: all extremely true to life.

THE GREAT KIFFO
The Great Kiffo did some puzzling conjuring tricks in most professional style, producing a number of birds from nowhere (all very much alive!) as well as a synthetic and sympathetic assistant, in the person of pretty Lara Tessar.

This clever turn was followed by a bogus conjurer, and gave B.



A stall at the bazaar.—(King's Studio)

GENERAL

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar

The Hongkong Chinese Women's Club held their annual bazaar at St. John's Hall yesterday morning.

Mrs. W. T. Stanton opened the bazaar and little Miss Avis Chan (Tin Yow) presented Mrs. Stanton with a hand-bag made by the South China Industrial Refugee workers.

WELL PATRONISED

The eight stalls were all well patronised, the most popular being the Cake and Sweet Stall, in charge of Mrs. H. Ching. The Table Golf drew many visitors who competed cheerfully for the prizes offered.

The Children's and Dolls' Stalls and quite a number of patrons who were delighted with the handwork on sale.

THE STALLS

The following were the stalls and names of stall-holders:—

The Handkerchief Stall, Mrs. Winnie Ng Quin; St. Paul's Girls' Toy Stall, Dr. Katie Woo; Knitted Goods, Miss Mae Yung; Children's Toy and Dolls, Mrs. Pauline Yee; Jumble Stall, Mrs. Tang Chue; Cake Stall, Mrs. H. Ching and a Curio Stall.

STIRRING SEA-SHANTIES
Very attractive was the picturesque camp-fire scene, when the lovely voices of "The Garrison Singers" were heard in some stirring Sea-Shanties, before they melted away in the darkness.

"Hewo," the silent acrobat, with his brothers, was very good, too—in fact the whole show was like Little Jack Horner's Pie—simply full of plums!

More than a word of praise is due to all those who worked away behind the scenes, notably among them being Cecil Houghton (Stage Manager) and Ellis Tudor, who was responsible for general production.

INCIDENTAL MUSIC
Accompaniments and the in-

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS
AT CENTRAL

LARCENY BY TRICK

Chan Mei-mei, 24, spinster, of No. 79 Electric Road, first floor, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry yesterday with larceny by a trick of \$1 from Chan Yinfung, spinster, of No. 11 Tang Lung Street, and \$2 from Ho Sze, also a spinster, of No. 406 Lockhart Road.

She was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour on each charge, the sentences to run consecutively.

She had a previous conviction of larceny from her own sister a month ago.

Sgt. Bentley prosecuted.

GAOL TERM FOR DEPORTEE

Charged with larceny of a quantity of electric wire from No. 2 Jubilee Street, second floor, Wong Shun, 39, unemployed, appeared before Mr. Lowry yesterday when he was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

Det. Sgt. W. Summers prosecuting, said that Yip Yam complainant, residing at the above address, woke up on the night of Dec. 12 to find the light go out all of a sudden. On hearing noises in the stairway, he went out and saw defendant rolling up the detached wire, which was produced in the hearing to give evidence. He immediately gave chase and defendant was arrested by a Chinese sub-inspector who was on duty nearby.

There will be further performances in aid of the B.W.O. and Bomber Fund on Saturday and Sunday evenings. So book your seats everybody, while there is still time, for there is no doubt whatever that "MUSIC HALL 1940" is going to be absolutely "Tops" this week-end.

CRICKETER FINED

Charged with breach of black-out regulations, M. P. Madar, of No. 8 Fuk Kwan Avenue, Tai Hang Hill, second floor, appeared before Mr. T. J. Gould yesterday. Sgt. D. A. Pockson prosecuted, and Mr. El Arculli appeared for defendant.

Sgt. Pockson said that at 9.15 p.m. on Oct. 28, Tham Shin-wah, Deputy District Air Raid Warden, saw light shown out from a side rear window on the second floor.

Defendant said that only one light remained on after 9 p.m., and this was a blue A. R. P. lamp in the bedroom. No light in the rear of the house was on.

A. H. Madar, brother of defendant, said that he heard people on the streets shouting "Switch off light" once, but could not tell for sure the exact time. He did not do anything about it because he thought the yell were not intended for them.

Mr. El Arculli submitted that the wardens were mistaken in seeing light coming out from the second floor.

Mr. Gould imposed a fine of \$5.

AT KOWLOON

GAOLED FOR THREATENING

Chau Pat, 27, a hawker by trade, had bail of \$40 estreated at the District Court South yesterday when he failed to appear before Mr. S. F. Balfour on a charge of conducting a gaming house in Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau.

Twelve other men who were arrested in the police raid on the gaming house on Thursday also failed to appear in Court, having their bail of \$3 estreated by court order. Sgt. Whitcroft prosecuted.

HAWKING WITHOUT LICENCE

Two hawkers, a man and a woman, also had bail of \$3 estreated when they failed to appear before the Magistrate on a charge of hawking cloth without a licence.

STUDENT IN COURT

An 18-year-old student, Yu Yuen-kai, was charged with posses-

Liberally, Supreme Court

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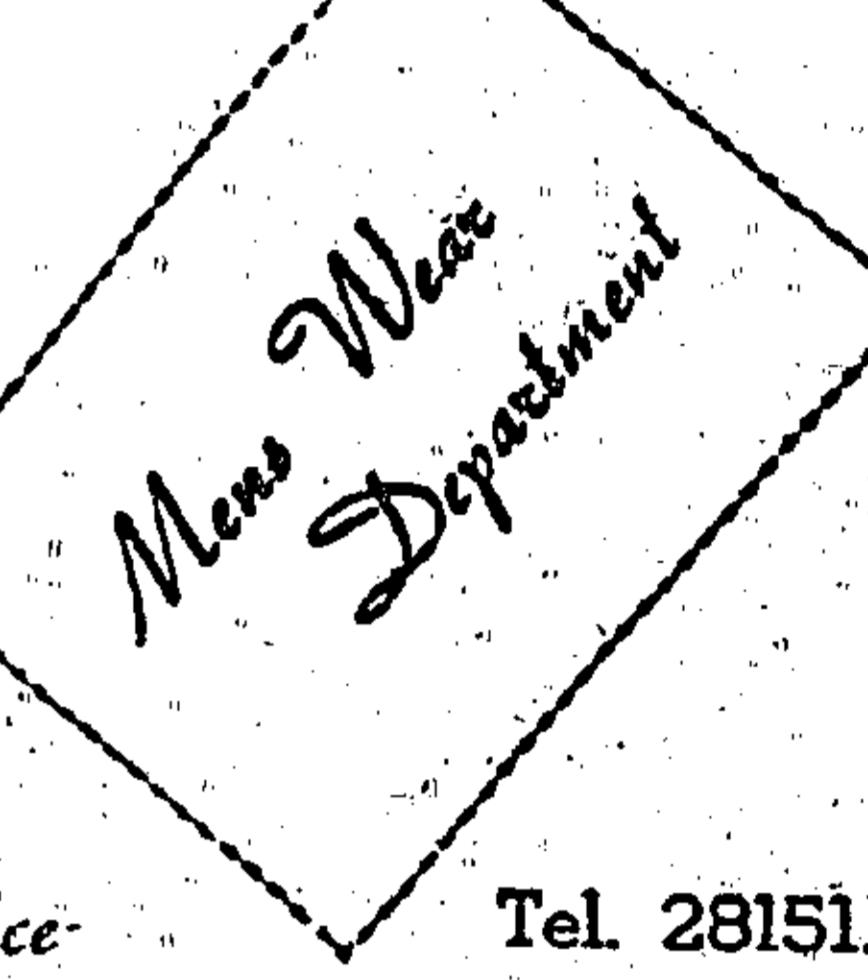
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Li Ho, a boatman, and three others were cautioned by the Marine Magistrate, Comdr. J. Jolly, yesterday, when they appeared at the Marine Court on a charge of boarding a Dutch vessel at 22 Buoy without the permission of the master or the officer in charge.

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THE DESERT ROUT

IT is hereby notified that every registered dentist practising in the Colony who desires his name to be retained on the Register in accordance with Section 11 (1) of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1 of 1940, and regulation 8 of the Regulations made under this Ordinance, should call at the Medical Headquarters, National City Bank of New York Building, 2nd floor, 2, Queen's Road Central, and obtain a partially completed unsigned practising certificate, for delivery at the Stamp Office—Windsor House—on or before 30th December, 1940, with the annual practising fee of \$50.—In acknowledgment of this payment the practising certificate must then be brought back to the Medical Headquarters for completion by the Registrar and for the purpose of making the requisite entry in the Register.

Failure to pay the above fee on or before 30th December, this year, will result in the automatic removal of the name of the person concerned from the Dental Register in accordance with the following Section of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance:

"Section 11 (4). The name of any registered dentist who fails to obtain an annual practising certificate prior to the commencement of any year shall be removed from the register."

P. S. SELWYN-CLARKE,
Director of Medical Services.
12th December, 1940.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificates 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Maneck Rustomjee Mehta and Dhun Maneck Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court
of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

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WANG DENOUNCED

Gen. Sheng Shih-tai, Border Defence Commissioner for Sinkiang and concurrently Chairman of the Sinkiang Provincial Government, in a circular telegram issued on Dec. 7, bitterly denounced Wang Ching-wei for his treasonous activities against the State, which, he said, have aroused nation-wide indignation.

Gen. Sheng pledged to lead the armed forces and the people of Sinkiang to campaign against the Wang-Japanese "sell-out" treaty, the puppet regime in Nanking and Wang's illegal assumption of the chairmanship of the National Government.

Under the leadership and direction of the Central Government in Chungking, Gen. Sheng said that he will exert his utmost to resist the Japanese invaders to the end in order to expel them from the country.—(Central News).

A woman, Lam Tai, 40, was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon by her husband, after she had taken an overdose of quinine. On admission she was found to be dead.

EDITORIAL

GOVT. ORDER IGNORED BY MONEY CHANGERS

Excessive Premium Charged:
20 Shops Heavily Fined

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF 20 MONEY CHANGER SHOPS IN THE COLONY WERE DEFENDANTS ON A CHARGE OF DEMANDING FROM THEIR CLIENTS A HIGHER PREMIUM ON changing one denomination of H. K. currency into copper coins than Government's premium of half of one per cent., which order had appeared in the July 28, 1940 issue of the Government Gazette, when they were summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

The shops in question were the Tung Hing at No. 64 Connaught Road C.; the Hip Yick at No. 122 of the same road; the Lung Shun at No. 127 of the same road; the Lung Kee at No. 122 of the same road and the Li Kee at No. 120 of the same road.

PREMIUM CHARGED

Twelve of the shops were alleged to have charged six cents premium on \$2, or two and a half per cent. above the rate set by Government, three charged four cents, one and a half per cent., three charged five cents or two per cent., while the remaining two charged one cent, or point five per cent. above the official rate.

Mr. F. W. Shaftesbury, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime), assisted by Inspector J. O'Donnovan, prosecuted.

He suggested that the Magistrate take a serious view of the case because in issuing a premium last day they had deliberately defied the Government order.

RESPONSIBLE FOR SHORTAGE

He also added that their hoarding of copper coins had been the cause for the great shortage of copper cents recently felt in the Colony.

After the hearing, all defendants pleading guilty, Mr. Lowry imposed a fine of \$80 on second and third defendants, \$60 on 13th and 18th defendants, while the others were fined \$100.

SEVEN MONTHS' HARD LABOUR

UTTERED FORGED BANKNOTE

Lau Yat-chung was sentenced to seven months' hard labour by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when a majority verdict of Guilty was returned by the jury on a charge of uttering a forged \$10 note of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at an eating house in Reclamation Street on Nov. 28, and a unanimous verdict of Guilty on the count of possession of the note.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, assisted by Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, prosecuted. The jury empanelled comprised of Messrs. Robert Choa (Foreman), Paul Tang, Abdul Curream, A. K. Ismail, William Ning, Wat Kwing-kay and William Sue Ing.

their hiding place and give battle to the British Mediterranean Fleet. This is his only chance to help his beleaguered troops whom he has driven into war much against their will and he should take it, if he has any feelings of humanity left in him, instead of leaving his men to face complete annihilation.

THIS WILL SETTLE the Italian issue once and for all—not that it is in any doubt still—and the result is not difficult to foresee. In the meantime, Signor Mussolini will doubtless make yet another frantic appeal for aid to Herr Hitler, though how far the Nazi fanatic will be prepared to stand by his pledges to his Italian partner remains to be seen. Herr Hitler will probably resort to another spell of diplomatic manoeuvring in order to try and enlist further aid for himself and Il Duce, but the rebuffs he has already received make his chances of securing this very remote indeed. When he is convinced of the impossibility of drawing any other dupes into his fold, he might unleash the full force of his fury on Britain, whose defeat, he has now recognised, must precede anything else that he may have in mind—a possibility, incidentally, that recedes further and further as day succeeds day. There is, however, no turning back for him now and he will be forced to go on until he and his hateful regime has been brought to dust.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS

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ROBBED TAXI DRIVER

Li Ching, Li Tsai, and Li Sim alias Li Ka-sim, were arraigned before Sir Atholl MacGregor yesterday, on a charge of robbery, by two or more, from Mak Sul-tong, a taxi-cab driver, of 58 cents, one silver finger-ring, and one fountain pen on Nov. 10. Li Ching and Li Sim were additionally charged with attempting to rob Ko Cheung-kwok at Tai Hang on Nov. 14.

First and third defendants were each sentenced to 2½ years' hard labour. Second accused was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

FORGED BANKNOTES

Sentence of 12 months' hard labour was imposed on Cheng Shui when he pleaded guilty to the charge of possession of four 10-yuan notes of the Bank of Communications, one \$1 Hongkong Government note, and one \$50 note of the Chartered Bank of India, China and Australasia, knowing them to be forgeries, on Nov. 13.

Tang Cheuk and Cheng Ho, charged with Cheng Shui on the count of possession of a forged Hongkong Government \$1 note, pleaded not guilty and, on the Crown offering no evidence against them, were discharged.

Chen Sang, who pleaded guilty to the possession of five forged \$10 banknotes of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. on Nov. 27, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by the Chief Justice.

POSTMAN GAOLLED

Lam Chung postman, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by the Chief Justice yesterday when he pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of two letters at Kowloon, on Nov. 27.

When asked by his Lordship why he did it, Lam stated that it was only a mistake on his part.

HEAVY GAOL TERMS

FOR BANISHES

Sentences totalling seven and a half years were passed on five returned banishes when they pleaded guilty before the Chief Justice yesterday.

Lau Chung, who was banished for life on June 8 last, was sent to prison for 12 months, with hard labour.

Ho Ngan, with eight previous convictions, caused some amusement when, in reply to the charge, he said, "I ask your Lordship to banish me to Macao, otherwise I will say frankly that I will return again." In passing sentence of 12 months' hard labour, his Lordship remarked: "You may get to Macao one day."

Young Wing, banished for life, was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

DISGRACEFUL RECORD

"This is a disgraceful record. You have had nine convictions during the past ten years. I hope that at the expiry of your sentence machinery will be in existence in the Colony to prevent your return to the Colony," said his Lordship when sentencing Wong Sin, alias Wong Sang, alias Wong Hin, at Kowloon Tong, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11.30 a.m., at the Hongkong Football Club ground.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will be present at a concert to be given by the Hongkong Singers, in aid of the Lord Mayor of London's Fund for the Relief of Air Raid Distress, at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday next, Dec. 19, at 9.30 p.m.

A series of Christmas plays will be presented by all the girls of Royden House, Duke Street, Kowloon Tong, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m.

His Excellency the Acting Governor will present the Insignia of a Commander of the Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem to His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor, Kt., on Thursday next, Dec. 19, at Government House at 5 p.m.

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DEEDS, NOT WORDS: HERR HITLER'S ADVICE FOLLOWED IN DESERT OPERATIONS

"While Herr Hitler was telling his people on Tuesday last that this was a time for deeds and not talking, Mr. Winston Churchill was talking calmly about the way in which General Wavell's army was following Herr Hitler's advice about deeds instead of speeches," said MR. VERNON BARTLETT, the well-known journalist M.P., when he spoke in London yesterday.

Mr. Bartlett started his talk by referring to a passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which he said that the air war against Britain would be waged with all the material, all the determination and all the courage at the disposal of the Germans.

HITLER'S INCONSISTENCY

Mr. Bartlett pointed out how these words lost their force when Herr Hitler followed them up with such phrases as "If we are vanquished in this struggle" and "I shall continue the struggle to my last breath."

"Herr Hitler now talks of the possibility of the British invading the continent," said Mr. Bartlett, and went on to declare that Herr Hitler's explanation as to the reasons for his air raids on Britain was that the responsibility for this was the British raids on civilians in Germany.

"This means that his people are more demoralised by our air bombings, than we are by his," said Mr. Bartlett. "Herr Hitler also said that he did his best to avoid the bombing of civilians, but obviously that argument was meant for his own people, because it cannot carry any conviction outside Germany."

THE OCCUPIED COUNTRIES

Mr. Bartlett referred to the passage in Herr Hitler's speech in which he said where a German soldier stands today, no other soldier will ever set foot.

"What does that mean?" asked Mr. Bartlett. "It means the annexation of all those territories now under German occupation. The Norwegians and others who were assured that they were merely under German protection in order to save them from the British, will soon know that this protection means the complete incorporation of their countries into the Reich."

As far as France was concerned, Mr. Bartlett stated that M. Laval's point of view on this was that if Britain won the war, France would anyhow be restored to her proper place and if Britain lost, France would get better terms from Herr Hitler because the French had helped him."

GERMAN RULE

Mr. Bartlett also drew attention to Herr Hitler's words that in Germany the people rule the state. "The rule of the people is so complete," Mr. Bartlett commented, "that they cannot even hint at criticism without ending up in a concentration camp."

"It would almost seem by this statement," said Mr. Bartlett, "that Herr Hitler is trying to push the responsibility for his various mistakes off his own shoulders and on to his people."

He said that this was no time for speeches but for deeds and then there followed a few hours more of speeches. In the meanwhile, Mr. Churchill was talking calmly about the way in which Gen. Wavell's army was following Herr Hitler's advice about deeds.

DESERET VICTORY

Mr. Bartlett proceeded to comment on the brilliant victory of the British forces in the desert operations. He declared that the operation was planned with all care to avoid making the mistake that the Italians made of having long lines of communication across a waterless desert. There would not, he said, be anything spectacular in these operations for a little time until the present position was consolidated.

"I feel I am justified in saying, however, that the danger of a successful Italian invasion against Egypt has disappeared," said Mr. Bartlett. "The famous plowmen which was to close on Palestine and the Suez Canal has refused to function."

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 12: Cholera, one case; Enteric Fever, five cases; Measles, four cases; Chicken-Pox, two cases; Diphtheria, six cases; Tuberculosis, 22 cases.

A little boy, who had been forced to spend his nights in a basement after his home had been wrecked by a Nazi bomb, looked round the bare room, with no fireplace or windows and remarked: "I really don't know how Santa Claus is ever going to get down here. He hasn't even got a chimney to climb down."

This is the spirit that helps to keep the social balance in a world that badly needs it.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1940.

LORD LOTHIAN

"There was no more cheerful speech than that of Herr Hitler's speech in which he said that the air war against Britain would be waged with all the material, all the determination and all the courage at the disposal of the Germans."

"His victory in Abyssinia has never been complete," said Mr. Bartlett, "and Abyssinia may yet become the graveyard of thousands of his unhappy soldiers. Such a man, indeed, has no claim to admiration and sympathy and he must now take what comes to him."

Lord LOTHIAN

"In concluding his talk, Mr. Bartlett referred to the death of Lord LOTHIAN. "He would have been glad to realise," said Mr. Bartlett, "that his last service to Britain was to have written the speech which was read at Baltimore."

"It is a tribute to him that he could have filled such a position in the United States and could use such outspoken language with such success. He was one of the men who could have made a good job which will soon confront us—the job of making peace."

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT WARAIMS:

MR. HERBERT MORRISON, M.P., who recently defined Britain's war aims, is referred to as a man with a pugnacious spirit and as one of the first men to become prominent in Mr. Churchill's field.

Mr. Morrison defined Herr Hitler's war aims in one word—"Destruction." Herr Hitler, he said, planned to push Europe back several centuries.

Fortunately, there is a profound knowledge in Britain about such aims which mean nothing more than a choice between the concentration camp and death and every Briton would prefer death to taking a chance with Herr Hitler's regime.

Mr. Morrison, in defining Britain's war aims, said that the first thing to do is to take the Tommy-gun away from the international gangster and to make sure that never again can a power with a bomber force terrorise civilians.

We shall hear of Mr. Morrison again and he is one who will not rest until he makes his terms come true.

FREE FRANCE:



Mr. Cheung Chung-sing and his bride, formerly Miss Cinee Yau.
—(King Studio).

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following marriages took place at the Reg.stry, Supreme Court, yesterday:

Mr. Cheng Chung-shing, of No. 255, Queen's Road East, and Miss Tsui Woon-hung, of No. 161, Johnston Road.

Mr. Lee Chung-ping, draughtsman of the South China Iron Works, Tsun Wan, and Miss Wong Duck-chong, of No. 496, Nathan Road.

Mr. Chan Ying-kwong, merchant residing at No. 4, Kwong Yuen St., and Miss Sum Suk-ying, residing at the Luk Hoi Tung Hotel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Pun Kwong-chak, clerk of the China Light and Power Co. Ltd., and residing at No. 6, Shephard Street, Tai Hang, and Miss Chan Kam-ping, teacher, of No. 5, Perfection Place, Tai Hang.

Mr. Tjay Liang Tjan, electrician of a certain Dutch liner, and Miss Chan Kwan-ching, of No. 13, Morrison Hill Road.

CAZAR OF GAMBLING GUILTY

William R. Johnson, pictured by Federal prosecutors as "czar" of Chicago's organized gambling, was convicted in Chicago on charges of evading income taxes. Five of eight co-defendants were found guilty of aiding Johnson in his efforts to defraud the government of \$1,887,884 in taxes on a 1936-39 income of \$3,377,615.

The jury deliberated the case twelve hours. Johnson was convicted on all five counts lodged against him, as were Jack Sommers, James A. Hartigan, John M. Flanagan and William P. Kelly. Each is liable to a maximum prison term of twenty-two years and a \$10,000 fine.

Stuart Brown, another defendant, was convicted on two counts. Edward Wait, Andrew J. Greighton and Reginald Mackay were acquitted.

GREEK ARMY ON CHIMARA

LONDON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—The Greek Army continues to retain the initiative, writes Reuter's correspondent with the Greek Army, and all along the 80-mile battle front it is fighting successfully and all Italian counter attacks have been repulsed.

The left wing of the Greek army, said a spokesman in Athens, is continuing its advance towards Chimara, a coastal town on the Adriatic 20 miles north of Sante Quaranti.

Farther to the right the Italians at some places put up a very stiff resistance before they were finally dislodged from their positions with heavy losses.

CRACK ALPINE CORPS

The Italians employed the crack Alpine Corps in keen fighting in the coastal sector round Tepelini the positions captured on the where a colonel is understood to Fogadets are.

ON IMPORTANT BUSINESS

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any details whatsoever of the destination or purpose of the flight.

Capt. Drury said that the Duke was expected to return to Miami soon, the statement added.

The Duchess of Windsor will remain in hospital until the Duke returns. Capt. Drury will accompany His Royal Highness.

DEFENCE INSPECTION

On board the U.S.S. MAYFRAY at sea, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt has ended his defence inspection cruise on the U.S.S. Tuscaloosa and has left for an unannounced destination. Yesterday he inspected the seaplane base at Mahaguea Island in the Bahamas.

NEW OFFICIALS APPOINTED

The National Government, in a series of mandates, announced the appointments of Mr. Chan Chao-ying as Commissioner of Civil Affairs for Hopei, Mr. Wan Jih-yen as Commissioner of Education for Anhwei, and Messrs. Tu Jen-chi, Pai Chin-hsin, Hsu Shih-hung and Hsi Shang-chien as members of the Shanxi Provincial Government.

The revised Regulations Governing Organisation of the National Relief Commission were also promulgated. (Central News).

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 70 and the minimum 59.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 17.59 inches, against an average of 84.57.

The Royal Observatory report states:

The anticyclone continues moving eastward.

Pressure is highest over the Loochoo Islands and South Japan and relatively low over the southern part of the China sea.

The typhoon is probably moving westward midway between Manila and Guam.

ADVANCING

have been killed and many of his men taken prisoner.

The Greek troops, taking advantage of the Italian retreat from Arkyro-Castron, have advanced along the hills bordering the Drinos valley and are now approaching Tepelini.

SNOW BLIZZARDS

The rhythm of battle is being slowed down by the snow blizzards and bitter cold, writes Reuter's correspondent on the Albanian front.

The Italians yesterday made repeated counter-attacks in the northern part of the 80-mile battle front but all attacks were repelled with great losses.

SEVERE FIGHTING

The most severe fighting was in the Fogadets sector where the position on the Greek right flank was heavily attacked.

The Greeks have maintained all

CYRIL LAKIN SAYS—

HITLER WILL BE FORCED TO DO SOMETHING QUICKLY

How Long Will Italians Put Up With Duce?

"MY FEELING IS THAT HERR HITLER WILL BE FORCED TO DO SOMETHING AND FORCED TO DO IT QUICKLY. This is not merely to keep Signor Mussolini's head above water, but for a stronger reason. We are now, or shall be, ahead of Germany in the production of arms, munitions etc. With our own production here added to the enormous resources of the Commonwealth, apart from what we are getting from the United States, Germany will soon be left behind."

"Germany cannot dispense her factories any further than she has done and now that Signor Mussolini's blunder, has given us new bases in the Mediterranean, these factories can be disposed of more easily from the air. These are facts that show that Herr Hitler has no time to waste."

This is what MR. CYRIL LAKIN, commentator on the international situation, had to say when he spoke in London yesterday on the effects of the British successes in the Battle of the Nile.

Mr. Lakin said that in Egypt Britain had won her first considerable victory on land. This was, of course, only the opening of the campaign, but the army of the Nile had delivered a smashing blow to the Italians and they could look forward to good news to come.

"Not only here at home and every part of the British Empire is this victory acknowledged," said Mr. Lakin. "But in every corner of the world. Added to the Greek successes, it makes more sure the moral and material disasters that have fallen on the Italians."

ANXIETY RELIEVED

"This dramatic success has relieved the anxiety for the defence of Egypt. That is enough for the moment, because it was only a few months ago that the Italians were boasting that the British Empire war would soon be destroyed.

"Signor Mussolini is now being told them the truth about Britain's position and just where we stood and where they stood. It was Lord Lothian's deep conviction that this was not only Britain's war, but America's war and that Great Britain was the first line in the American defence against anarchy, air and sea. He must realise that he never minced his word when he told us that this question arises and he told the Americans that they must look longer his people will put up with such an imposter it is difficult to say."

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions
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PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, the 14th December, 1940
commencing at 10.30 a.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSE FURNITURE AND SUNDRIES

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., AUCTIONEERS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

Monday, the 16th December, 1940
commencing at 2.30 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 35, Han-kow Road, Kowloon.

A Fine Assortment of Dressed Dolls, Wooden and Mechanical Toys, Furniture, Tea Sets, Balloons and Sundries

also

Electrical Toys

On View on Day of Sale.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., AUCTIONEERS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

Tuesday, the 17th December, 1940
commencing at 6.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, Second Floor.

A FINE COLLECTION OF POSTAGE STAMPS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS., AUCTIONEERS

CHRIST CHURCH

(KOWLOON TONG)

Sat.—Sunday School Party 3 to 5 p.m. in the Vicarage and Church grounds. 3rd Sunday in Advent, Ember Week—Services in English: 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 8 Sunday School; 9 a.m. Duke St. 9.45 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Sermon. Preacher: The Vicar.

6.30 p.m. Evensong. Services in Mandarin: 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 Morning Prayer. Preacher: Mr. Chow Chen-kwong.

Dec. 16, 18, 20—Rehearsals for Nativity play at 6 p.m. in Church. All members of cast requested to attend. Dec. 19—Holy Communion 7.15 a.m. Choral practice 8 p.m. Dec. 21—St. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion 7.15 p.m.

CATHOLIC NEWS & NOTES

GANDETE SUNDAY: GROWTH OF CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA: AIR-RAID HEROISM

"GAUDETE SUNDAY," OR, AS IT MIGHT BE TRANSLATED, THE "SUNDAY OF JOY," WHICH OCCURS TOMORROW, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, is the Church's mid-Advent reminder that Christmas is near. The weeks of Advent and of Lent, which precede the two greatest feasts of the year, Christmas and Easter, are periods of preparation in which penance for past sins has a large part, but they also keep in view the event to which they are leading, and in each case there is a joyful reminder of this half-way through. The word *Gaudete*, which means "Rejoice" is the opening word of the extract from St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians with which the Mass of the day begins.

On Monday the Novena for Christmas commences in all the churches. In the Cathedral the devotions in connexion with it will take place every evening at 5.30 p.m. A Novena means nine days' prayer. It is customary to have this period of special prayer before many important feasts. The custom had its origin in the nine days of prayer which the Apostles spent, together with Mary, after the Ascension while they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit. Novena devotions consist mostly in the recitation of some prayers which have reference to the feast that is coming.

CHURCH IN CALIFORNIA

During recent Centenary celebrations in California the remarkable development of the Church during the past hundred years was frequently likened to the mustard seed in Our Lord's parable; for there have been few such striking instances of rapid growth. The centenary was that of the establishment of the Episcopal Hierarchy in California.

A hundred years ago when California was given its first Bishop there were only 5,000 Catholics in the whole area. That number has now grown to 1,200,000 and instead of one Bishop there are two Archbishops and five Bishops. There are 1,600 priests now, and in the seven dioceses and there are schools, colleges, hospitals and institutions of every kind which care for the multiple needs of a great population. The rise from 5,000 to 1,200,000 in one century is a remarkable record.

AIR-RAID HEROISM

Stories from England of heroism during air-raids are almost as numerous as those which were told of bravery in the firing line, and one which got considerable prominence in the English Catholic press concerned a non-Catholic who risked death to get spiritual aid for a Catholic boy seriously injured in a South London raid.

The boy, Terence Rosewell, who was fourteen years of age, was in the street with his brother when a bomb fell close by. Terence received several wounds from flying fragments. His brother rushed home to tell his parents, and a Protestant neighbour, Mr. Stanley Mott, hearing what had happened, asked if he could be of any help. The injured boy's parents asked him if he would go for a priest. Mr. Mott, who has only one leg and was at that time just about to seek safety in an air-raid shelter, mounted a bicycle at once and rode off for the priest, though bombs were still falling in the district.

Trams were running and the priest came by one of them, but in his hurry to get to the boy he jumped off too soon and was injured. Again Mr. Mott came to the rescue, for he had come on his bicycle alongside the tram in order to guide the priest. He tended the priest's injuries and brought him at last to the boy. By this time the boy was unconscious and the priest knotted him. Taken to hospital, he recovered consciousness, was prepared for death and died that evening. Next day the priest called on Mr. Mott to thank him for his charity and courage.

ABBEY DESTROYED

The destruction by fire of the Cistercian Abbey on Caldey Island, three miles off the coast of Wales, threatens to end an interesting chapter of monastic history in Britain. Many parts of the Abbey structure come from old pre-Reformation abbeys, but its real history begins towards the end of the last century when it came into the hands of an Anglican community of monks.

This community was established in the Anglican Church under the Rule of St. Benedict, and it was approved and its Superior admitted to vows under a special approbation of the then Archbishop of Canterbury. The community moved from place to place for many years before they settled down finally on Caldey Island, Chapel 25, Cumberland Road, Kowloon Tong.

THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (HONGKONG BRANCH)

The Rev. John Bechtel, Pastor. Sunday services—10 a.m. Worship (English), Speaker: The Rev. M. G. Griebeinow, Labrank, Kansu. Subject: "The Light of the World." 11 a.m. Worship (Cantonese). 3 p.m. Sunday School; 6.30 p.m. Young People's Service (English). Speaker: The Rev. M. G. Griebeinow. Subject: "Tibet." Illustrated with slides. 7.30 p.m. Evangelistic Meeting (Cantonese). Mid-week service—7.30 p.m. Evangelistic-prayer meeting (Cantonese). Youth. Dec. 20, Friday, at 6 p.m. Service of Intercession with the Way of the Cross.

CHURCH & GENERAL

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH

Queen's Road East. Opposite the Royal Naval Hospital. Preachers: Morning—Rev. B. Moreton, Evening—Rev. W. H. Alton. Morning Parade service 10.15 a.m. Hymn 25, Prayer, Hymn 132, First Lesson, Hymn 811, Second Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 284, Sermon, Hymn 139, Benediction. Evening Service 7 p.m. Hymn 257, Prayer, Hymn 122, Lesson, Prayer, Notices, Offertory, Hymn 259, Sermon, Hymn 256, Benediction.

NOTICES FOR WEEK.

FOLLOWING the evening service a social hour will be held at 8 & S Home 8.15 p.m. All Servicemen and civilians warmly welcomed. A meeting for Prayer and Fellowship will be held at 8 & S Home Tuesday 8.30 p.m. Monday and Thursday at 8 & S Home Badminton Club, Wednesday 8.30 p.m. House Committee at 8 & S Home.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL

The following are the forthcoming services at the Catholic Cathedral, Caine Road.

3rd Sunday in Advent. Morning services: 1st Mass 8 with sermon in Chinese, 2nd Mass 8 with sermon in English, 3rd Mass 10 with sermon in English. Evening services: at 4.30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction, Dec. 16.

St. Alice, Empress. The Novena in Preparation to the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord begins at 5.30 p.m. Dec. 17—Holy Hour from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. Dec. 18—Ember Day—Abstinence. On week days Mass at 6 and 7.30 Confessions morning and evening.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

31 Macdonell Road. The subject of the Lesson Service in all Christian Science Churches tomorrow will be "God the Preserver of Man."

The Golden Text will be: "The Lord giveth wisdom; out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding . . . He keepeth the path of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints" (Proverbs 8: 6, 8).

OTHER NOTICES

Monday, 8 p.m. Badminton, Cathedral Hall.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas Tree will stand again in the north transept from Tuesday, Dec. 17. As in previous years we shall devote all gifts that are placed on or under the tree to needy families nominated by the Hongkong Benevolent Society, the Society for the Protection of Children, and to homes and needy people who are being helped by the Social Service Centre of the Churches. This winter, as every one knows, will be a very hard one and so we are hoping to receive even more gifts than in previous years.

A member of the Communicants' Fellowship will be in the Cathedral each day to receive the presents, which will be welcomed any time before Christmas. Day itself. If you wish to earmark your gift, please write "Benevolent Society" "S.P.C." or "S.S.C." on the outside of the packet. It may be more convenient for some to send gifts of money, in which case please send c/o the Dean, St. John's Cathedral Office, and mark envelope "Christmas Tree Fund."

PEAK CHURCH

(Church of England Service) 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

ANNOUNCEMENT

First Church of Christ Scientist, Hongkong, a Branch of the Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston Mass., No. 31 Macdonell Road.

close to Peak Tram Station. Sun-Sat Service 11.15 a.m. Testimony Meeting, Wednesday 5 p.m. A Reading Room is maintained in the Church Building and is open on Monday, Thursday and Saturday every day, before and after Mass.

On Saturdays, the special time for Confessions is from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Mid-week service—7.30 p.m. Evangelistic-prayer meeting (Cantonese).

Youth. Dec. 20, Friday, at 6 p.m.

Service of Intercession with the Way of the Cross.

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

Dec. 15—3rd Sunday in Advent: 8.30 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in Chinese. 8 a.m. Choral Mass.

Sermon in English and Benediction. 10 a.m. Holy Mass with Sermon in English.

On week-days, Holy Mass at 6.30 p.m. and 7.15 a.m. Dec. 16—Monday, at 7.15 a.m. Dec. 17—Tuesday, at 8.45 a.m. Dec. 19—Medical War Working Party for China 10 a.m. The amateur dramatic performances given on Tuesday will be repeated. Dec. 20—Choir practice 6.30 p.m. Dec. 21—St. Thomas' Day. Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. The rooms of St. Andrew's Fellowship open daily, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S WEEK GREAT SUCCESS

St. Andrew's Week was an outstanding success, says THE ANDRIAN.

About \$1,000 was received during the week and upwards of

\$2,000 was given on the Day of Prayer and Gifts, so that approx-

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL GIFT DAY

(The Editor, Daily Press)

Sir, We venture to ask the hospitality of your columns to bring to the notice of your readers the Cathedral Gift Day, which this year has been instituted in place of the Cathedral Fete, and will be held today, December 14. It has been our custom in the past few years to hold a Cathedral Fete which has been responsible for the collection of about \$3,000 of our income.

This fete is impracticable to hold this year, as many of our workers are away from the Colony, and those who remain are so much engaged in other directions that they have no time to devote to the arduous task of preparing for a fete of our usual standard.

The question of economy has not been lost sight of, but it must not be forgotten that it is the custom of the Cathedral to make grants to various social endeavours in the Colony and to Missionary work in the districts, and we feel it is not the wish of the members of our church that these activities should suffer by the reduction or elimination of these grants.

It is, therefore, with the welfare of the Cathedral and its activities very much at heart that the Council have set apart Saturday the 14th December, on which day those who value the work of the Cathedral in this Colony may come and offer their gifts and pray for the effective continuance of this work.

It has been arranged that one of the clergy and a member of the congregation will be in the Cathedral from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. today, in order that individual gifts may be personally accepted and dedicated.

It is intended that gifts should be primarily gifts for the increase of funds for the Cathedral, but if any have prepared gifts in kind these will be welcomed and reserved for the Christmas tree, which will be in the Cathedral the following week.

P.S. CASSIDY, Chairman of Finance Committee.

EVA G. DAVIDSON, Chairman, Cathedral Women's Fellowship.

S.W. PRITTIFF-PERRY, Secretary, Goodwill Offering Scheme.

S.H. DODWELL.

H. OWEN HUGHES.

W.M. BARTON.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS
STOCK EXCHANGE, SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal	FRIDAY 13 DEC.		Buyer	Seller	Sales	Nominal
Banks				\$1365		\$1365		\$1365	
Do. (Col. Reg.)				281		281		278	
Do. (Lon. Reg.)				278		278		278	
Chartered Banks				296		296		296	
Mercantile Bks. "A"				2102		2102		2102	
Bank of East Asia				874		874		874	
N. G. & S. Banks				13 ct.		13 ct.		13 ct.	
Insurances				\$185		\$185		\$185	
Canton Insurances				\$386		\$386		\$386	
Union Insurances				81		81		81	
Underwriters				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Fire				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Shipping				\$75		\$75		\$75	
Dowless				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Steamboats				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Indo-China (Prod.)				\$200		\$200		\$200	
Indo-China (Def.)				36/3		36/3		36/3	
Shells				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Waterboats				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				\$92		\$92		\$92	
H.K. & K. Wharves				\$85.45		\$85.55		\$85.55	
Providents				\$18		17.80		17.80	
H.K. Docks (Old)				\$17.7		\$17.7		\$17.7	
H.K. Docks (New)				\$30		\$30		\$30	
+ Shanghai Docks				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Mining				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Kailan				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Rafts				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Hong Kong Mines				\$7		\$7		\$7	
Lands, Hotels and Buildings				\$3.60		\$3.60		\$3.60	
H.K. & S. Hotels				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Lands				\$11		\$11		\$11	
Do. 4% Debentures				\$11		\$11		\$11	
Shanghai Lands				\$11		\$11		\$11	
H.K. Railways				\$8		\$8		\$8	
Humphrey				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Chinese Estates				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Cotton Mills				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Ewo (S.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Shui Cottons (S.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Zoong Sing (S.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Wing On Textiles (S.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Public Utilities				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Tramways				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Peak Trams (old)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Peak Trams (new)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Star Ferries				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Yat-tai Ferries				\$100		\$100		\$100	
China Lights (O.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
China Lights (New.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Electrica (Old)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Electrica (New.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Macao Electrica (Old)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Macao Electrica (New.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Sandakan Lights				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Telephones (old)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Telephones (new)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Spore Traction (Ord.)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Industries				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Cold. Macq. (Ord.) S.				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Cold. Macq. (Prof. 18)				\$100		\$100		\$100	
Cements				\$100		\$100		\$100	
H.K. Govt. Loans									

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 13, 1940

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/2 7/4
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/4
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	
On demand	390
On Singapore:	390
On demand	58 3/4
On Japan:	
On demand	108
On India:	
Telegraphic Transfer,	82 1/2
and demand	
On New York:	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 1/3	
On Batavia:	
On demand	43 3/4
On Paris:	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:	
On demand	101 1/2
On Manila:	
On demand	40 3/4
On Bangkok:	
On demand	148
On Sterling Notes:	
Bank Buying Rate ... Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz.	22 7/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Friday, Dec. 13. Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 227 7/8 for Ready and 2213/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Dull.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/31/32 for Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

A small transaction was reported at 2311/16 for Cash. There were sellers at 23 5/8 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was done early in the morning at 390. Later business was arranged at 398 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 398, buyers at 398 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling at 3 3/4 and U. S. Dollars at 5.15/16, both sellers for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December/January, buyers at 1/31/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS

Sellers for Cash at 23.11/16, buyers bidding 23 3/4 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Business was arranged at 398 1/2 and also 400. The market closed with sellers at 400 1/2, buyers at 401 1/2 for Cash.

SHANGHAI MARKET

A shade easier in the afternoon. Sterling at 3.47/64 and U. S. Dollars at 5.29/32, both sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 13 (Greater).

Official T.T. Rates

Opening	
London	0/3-11/16

Sterling

Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-3/4
Dec.	0/3-3/4
Jan.	0/3-3/4

U. S. Dollars

Spot	35-15/16
Dec.	5-15/16
Jan.	5-15/16

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/21. The Equalisation rate was 214 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 12 (Greater).

T.T. on Japan

81-1/4.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 12, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous close	Dec. 12	Change
S P O T	38 5/8	38 5/8	unch.
JAN-MARCH	38	37 3/4	88
APRIL-JUNE	36 3/4	36 1/2	36 3/4
The market was quiet but steady.			
LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	
buyers	buyers	Change	
S P O T	12	12	unch.
JANUARY	12 1/8	12 1/8	"
FEBRUARY	12 3/16	12 3/16	"
APRIL-JUNE	12 5/16	12 1/4	off 1/16
JULY-SEPT.	12 3/16	12 3/16	unch.
The market was steady.			
NEW YORK COTTON:	We still believe that legislation adversely affecting near positions is unlikely and rather doubt the passage of any cotton legislation, therefore expect continuing strength of near crop months and think distants irregularly higher.		
NEW YORK STOCKS:	Previous close, 131.76; Today's close, 132.14; Change up .38.		

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.19	10.14	10.14	.03	up
New York Rubber, March			20.44b	20.42b	.02 off
Chicago Wheat, May	884	884	881	88	1/4 off
Chicago Corn, May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1/4 off
New York Hides, March	12.77	12.67	12.68b	12.70	.02 up
NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change	
Dec. (New contract)	10.10/11	10.12/12	10.12/12	.02 up	
January ()	10.03 N	10.04b/05a	10.05 N	.02 up	
March ()	10.14/15	10.16/18	10.17/17	.03 up	
May ()	10.06/08	10.08/08	10.09/09	.03 up	
October ()	9.88/98	9.87/97	9.88/88	.02 up	
Spot ()	9.30/30	9.32/32	9.35/36	.05 up	
Total sales Wednesday:—118,100 bales.					

NEW YORK RUBBER

January	20.65b	unquoted	20.67b	.02 up
March	20.44b/48a	20.45b/55a	20.42b/47a	.02 off
May	20.23b/28a	20.30a	20.20b	.03 off
July (New contract)	20.05b	unquoted	20.05b	unch.

Total sales:—130 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	884/884	884/884	884/884	1/4 off
July	82/82	82/82	81 1/2/81	1/4 off

Wednesday's sales:—6,816,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	60 1/2/60	60 1/2/60	60 1/2/60	1/4 off
July	60 1/2/60	60 1/2/60	60 1/2/60	1/4 off

Total sales for the day:—85 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver	34 3/4	34 3/4	40 3/1/2
NY-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2	4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

REUTER'S SERVICE

London, Dec. 12.

dia. £5. "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2/
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	15 1/2
Shai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Gulf Kalimpong Rubber	14 1/4
Lon., Mid. & Scot. Ry.	13 1/2
Great Western Ry.	13 1/2
National Bank of India	20 1/2
B-A. Tob. (bearer)	24 1/4
Dunlop Rubber	31 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28 1/2
United Steel	21
Woolworths	82 7/4
Maritime Investments	7 1/2
Western Holdings	8 1/2
Sub-Nigel	160
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	86 3/4
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan	28 1/2
Chinese 5% Ster. Notes	34
Chun. Imperial Ry. 5%	47
Honan Ry. 5%	18 1/2
Hukouang Ry. 5%, 1911. (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Bukowang Ry. 5%, 1911. (German Issue)	13

PRESIDENT LINER SAILINGS

To SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES via SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU
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CHINESE MUNICIPAL ADVOCATES COMMENDED

The patriotic stand taken by the Chinese Municipal Advocates of the French Municipal Police in Shanghai. Messrs. Ku Shou-hsi, Yao Chao-ti, Fei Hui-tseng and Yuan Chia-huang, was highly commended by the Ministry of Justice in a special message dispatched to them.

The four Chinese lawyers have resigned from their posts as a protest against the recent illegal transfer of the Second Special District Court and the Third Branch Kiangsu High Court in Shanghai to the Nanking regime by the French Concession authorities.

Meanwhile, the Ministry has ordered the arrest of Hsu Wu-fang, Chen Hsi-sheng and Ma Ping-hsun, who have accepted appointments by the French Municipal Police as Municipal Advocates to appear before the puppet courts in the French Concession. Their licences to practise were also revoked.—(Central News).

ON INSPECTION TRIP

Mr. Chiu Chang-wei, Kwangsi Commissioner of Civil Affairs, has left Kweilin for Nanning and Lungchow on an inspection trip. Interviewed prior to his departure, Mr. Chiu said that the National Government and the Kwangsi Provincial Government have made big appropriations for refugee relief in south Kwangsi but these are not yet enough.

Mr. Chiu revealed that the Kwangsi Provincial Assembly has decided to propose to the provincial government for the issuance of \$10,000,000 Kwangsi Relief Bonds.

Mr. Chiu is bringing with him \$200,000 appropriated by the National Government to distribute to the refugees.—(Central News).

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m. Dec. 13.
Barometer (at sea level) 30.23 ins
Temperature, 67 F.
Humidity, 56 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 55 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 59 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs ending 12 p.m. today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.
Against an average of, 84.57 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.40 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.55 a.m.
4 p.m. Dec. 13.
Barometer (at sea level) 30.11 ins.
Temperature, 66 F.
Humidity, 45 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/W.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 70 F
Minimum temperature, 59 F.
Rainfall, nil.

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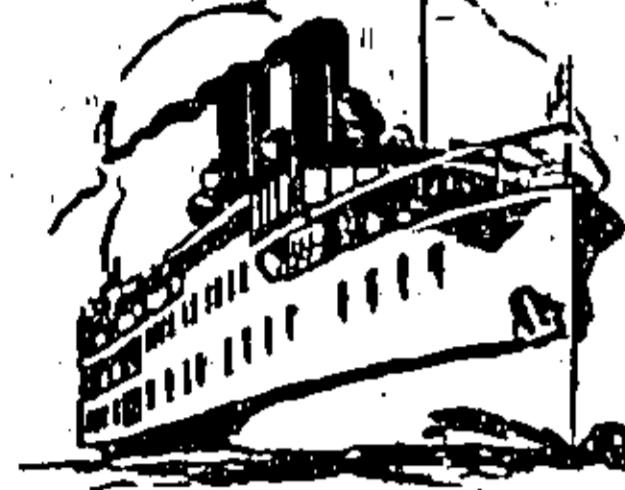
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Taipo Robbery: Unemployed Acquitted At Session

Without retiring, a jury comprising Messrs. A. J. Hall (Foreman), Wong Tat, Li Fook-shun, D. F. Lopez, Shek Suk-wah, Paul Yip and Andrew Tsui, returned a unanimous verdict of Not guilty when YIM ON, alias YIM CHUN, was arraigned at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, on a charge of robbery, by two or more, on Dec. 3.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuting, stated that the incident took place at Taipo on the road leading to Fanling.

ANTI-MUI TSAI SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

PROSECUTIONS ON INCREASE

"The number of prosecutions for bringing into the Colony, and for keeping unregistered wards, has increased owing to the flow of refugees to Hongkong from China," states Dr. Shin Lok-sang, English Secretary, in presenting his report at the 19th annual meeting of the Anti-Mu-tsai Society held at the Y. W. C. A. last night.

It was revealed in Dr. Shin's report that the number of registered wards remaining in the Colony on Nov. 30 last was 2,765, showing a decrease of 184 in six months.

A review of the Society's activities was given by Mr. Chan Tit-long, Chinese Secretary.

The meeting, which was opened with a hymn, and sermon by the Rev. Wong Oi-ton, was interspersed by "Songs," and a playlet entitled "Spy's Children" presented by the Kan Kwok Club, of the Y. W. C. A.

NEW COMMITTEE

The following were elected to be Committee members for the ensuing year:—

Drs. Fo Wing-kun, Cheung Fat-in, Shin Lok-sang, Chau Wal-cheung, Messrs. Paul S. F. Tso, Luke Cl-wan, Wong Wah-lum, Misses Shin Tak-hing, Tong Shueh-hing, Alice F. Kwok, Wong Yuk-mod, the Revs. Wong Oi-tong, Tsang King-ngok, Paul S. F. Tso, Lee Kau-yan, Ho Sum-yue, Wong Chung-oi, Messrs. Wong Tat-ku, Kong Yat-sum, Yeung Siu-chuen, Cheung Kut-shing, Wong Sie-tin, Cheuk Yan-kom, Ma Yiu-tung, Wong Po-lum, Wong Kam-ying, Lum Tse-fung, Mak Mooi-sang, Chau Tit-long, Ho Yan-tak. Re-serve—Mr. Chan Ching-po.

JAPANESE CONTROL OVER EDUCATION

Control over education in the Shanghai western districts is now exercised by the Japanese as many primary schools there have been forced to adopt pro-Japanese textbooks published by the Japanese San Tung Book Company since the beginning of this week, according to a Shanghai report.

In the new geography textbooks, the four northeastern provinces have been renamed "Manchukuo."

Unwilling to yield to Japanese pressure, several schools have closed and a large number of students in other institutions have voluntarily quitted. — (Central Bureau News).

At 2.30 a.m. on Dec. 3, Yau Sang, fish dealer of No. 4, Nam Ching Street, Taipo, was walking along the road when two men came up from behind. One of them struck Yau with a pole while the other caught hold of his neck. They forced him to the ground and searched him, taking money and a note book, after which they tied him up and pushed him over the embankment.

Yau Sang freed himself and met two members of the Peace Preservation Corps with whom he went to search for the robbers. They found the accused in a boat just beside the embankment.

Hui Ying, a member of the Peace Preservation Corps, in evidence, stated that he and another member of the Corps saw two men entering a boat moored near the embankment.

Chim Tsing, another member of the Corps, also gave evidence of Hui Ying, and in reply to his Lordship, said that they kept a vigilant watch but admitted they did not see Yau Sang on the road to Taipo.

Lam Sing, boat builder of Taipo, testified to having recognised the boat on which accused was found as belonging to defendant.

A.R.P. CONFERENCE:

COLONY TUNNELS AS GOOD AS THOSE OF RAMSGATE

The A.R.P. tunnels now in course of construction in the Colony compare very favourably with those of Ramsgate, which have stood up so well to the Nazi blitzkrieg, the Director of Air Raid Precautions said yesterday at his weekly Press conference.

Wing-Commander A. H. S. Steele-Perkins, Q.B.E., produced figures compiled by Mr. Campbell, of the P.W.D. who is in charge of tunnelling arrangements in Hongkong, which showed that the local tunnels will have accommodation for three persons per foot length.

The cross-sectional area of the Ramsgate tunnels is 42 sq. feet whereas the Hongkong tunnels vary from 80 to 90 feet.

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The tunnel programme in the Colony is now expected to be finished within 12 months.

The possibility of making use of nullahs as another means of protection is also being investigated, and experiments have already been carried out in Kowloon.

Sites for new tunnels are being investigated in the Central Police Station, Leighton Hill and between Bonham and Hospital Roads.

VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley yesterday morning:

	Distance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	Last Qr.
Red Feather	1	32		32
Tornado Star	1	35.2	1.08.1	32.4
Devonian	1	39.2	57.1	27.4
Longdon & Surprise Again	1	29.3	58.2	28.4
Royal Highness	1	31		31
Confusion Bay	1	29	57	28
Rising Star	1	29.2		29.2
Attacking Time	1	32.1		32.1
Cockiero	1	30.2	59	28.3
Royal Wedding Eve	1	32.2	1.04	31.3
Venus Bay	1	32	1.02	30
Clember	1	29		29
Piet Hein	1	38.4	1.09.1	32.2
Sunlight View	1	32.3	1.04	31.2
Sea Urchin	1	28.3	58	29.2
Dawn Star	1	36.4	1.09.3	32.4
Baffin Bay	1	30.4	1.00	29.1
Kentucky	1	30.3		30.3
Craigavon	1	30	59.2	29.2
Taxing Master	1	32.1		32.1
Lilliber	1	29.3		29.3
Viceroy	1	28.3	55	28.2
Bruno	1	28.4	56	27.1
Jack O'Lantern	1	36	1.08.3	32.3
Emergency Unit	1	33.4	1.04.4	31
Winfile	1	28.1		28.1
Salvage Master	1	33.3		33.3
Sapper	1	29.2	58.2	29
Annabella	1	31		31
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